

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8035  
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0708

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS LA  
SUBJECT: STATUS OF FORMER KING SAVANG VATTHANA

1. APRIL 8 DURING CONVERSATION ITH VICE MINISTER OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS KHAMPHAY BOUPHA ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, I  
ASKED HIM ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE FORMER KING AND  
ABOUT FOREIGN NEWS REPORTS THAT HE WAS IN DANGER OF  
DEATH AND OTHER REPORTS THAT HE HAD "ESCAPED".

2. KHAMPHAY BOUPHA REPLIED AND REPEATED THAT THE  
FORMER KING WAS IN NO DANGER AND THAT HE WAS IN FACT  
PROVIDED WITH "ALL THE COMFORTS". I ASKED IF THE  
FORMER KING WERE IN VIENGSAI AND KHAMPHAY SAID "YES".  
I MENTIONED SOME BANGKOK PRESS REPORTS THAT HE HAD  
BEEN IN PHONG SALY. KHAMPHAY THEN WAFFLED BY SAYING  
THAT VIENGSAI WAS A TERM WHICH COVERED A WHOLE AREA.  
(COMMENT: IT IS NOT VERY LIKELY THAT THIS "AREA"  
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EXTENDS AS FAR AS PHONG SALY SO I ASSUME THE KING IS  
SOMEWHERE IN THE SAM NEUA/VIENGSAI AREA.)

3. I THINK IT UNLIKELY THAT KHAMPHAY BOUPHA WOULD  
HAVE ASSURED ME THE KING WAS IN NO DANGER IF THE LPDR  
HAD ANY SERIOUS INTENTION AT THIS TIME TO DO AWAY WITH  
HIM.

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